

California's Animal Agriculture is at Risk

Be Alert for a Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak

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PREVENTION

- Viruses, bacteria and pests can hitch a ride on imported animals, and the clothing, bodies, and possessions of travelers.
- Illegal smuggling of animals and animal products can pose a serious risk to animal agriculture.

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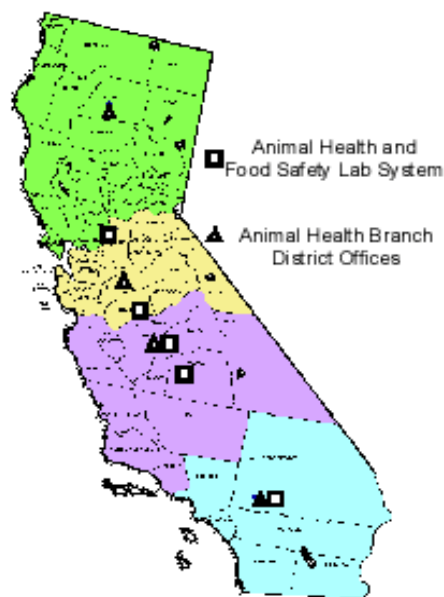
- Report immediately if you suspect illegal animal or product movement or if your herd is showing signs of a potential foreign animal disease.
- Call your veterinarian **first**.
- Call the Animal Health Branch. (Phone numbers listed below)

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RECOGNITION

Know the warning signs:

- Sudden, unexplained death loss in the herd
- Severe illness affecting a high percentage of the animals in a herd or region
- Blistering around an animal's mouth, nose, teats, or hooves
- Unusual ticks or maggots
- Staggering, falling, or other central nervous system disorders



RESPONSE

- Public health and food safety may be at risk. Immediate response is crucial to prevent a disease from spreading.
- If warranted, laboratory services may be provided at no cost to the producer.

ALERT

Animal Health and Food Safety Services



For additional information contact the Animal Health Branch at:

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